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GARDENETTES

June is one of the fruitage months. The good gardener is now reaping the rewards of past efforts in planning, planting and cultivating, and these rewards inspire to greater effort for the future. There is still time for planting for bloom this season. Annuals, such as snap-dragons, asters, zinnias, marigolds, petunias, etc., may still be planted for fall bloom and to fill in vacant spots in perennial and annual beds.

It is not too late to plant Dahlias. Those planted late often begin to bloom after cool nights start and produce the best bloom.

During hot, dry weather conserve the moisture by keeping the ground well stirred in all cultivated beds.

Keep the evergreens well mulched and give a thorough soaking clear down to the lowest roots once a week, especially those newly planted.

Gladioli may be planted every two weeks until July 1. This will extend the blooming period nearly to frost.

If not already a member, join your local Garden Club. You need the club and the club needs you.

In your drives through the country, your visits to your neighbors and to our nursery, have your note book handy. Any flower, shrub or tree you see that you especially like picture in your mind where you would like it in your garden or grounds. Make a note in your book. Then during the next planting season you will know what you want and where to get it and your grounds will be that much more complete and satisfying.

Make it a habit of visiting Blue Ridge Gardens often. You will always see something to interest you, some flower that you have not seen or noticed before, or some combination of color or form to admire.

There is a nice grassy plot beside the river with two large elms for shade and a good spring at hand which our friends are welcome to use for rest and refreshment.

FALL BULBS

We have placed our order for Tulip, Hyacinth, Crocus, etc., with large and reliable growers in Holland. Our bulbs from the same firm last year were large, healthy and plump, and we had many expressions of satisfaction from our customers, so we feel that we are offering our friends the best to be had in bulbs and at the lowest prices.

SPECIAL

To Garden Club Members:

It is to our advantage to get as many of our bulb orders as we can during June as our last orders for import must be placed by July 1. In order to do this, and to show our appreciation of the work the garden clubs are doing we will pay in cash to your Garden Club 10% of amount of all orders received during June for Tulip, Hyacinth, Crocus and other bulbs and Iris advertised in this list, to be paid in cash when the bulbs are paid for. Just mention club you wish to benefit and to whom we shall send check. If you are not a member of a Garden Club we will pay the ten per cent to your P. T. A. or School Grounds Committee for improvement of school grounds. In sending our check we will state that it is a contribution from you.

When our shipment of bulbs is received during OCTOBER, they will be packed immediately and delivered to you at our expense. Cash may be sent with order or they can be paid for when delivered this fall, or if you have an account they will be charged.

GIANT DARWIN TULIPS—

The beauty, hardiness and length of stem of Darwin Tulips make them the most popular of all Tulips. They should be planted 5 to 6 inches apart and the same in depth.

Bartigon—Large flowers of fiery crimson with white base. 22 inches.

Clara Butt—A large flower of great beauty, soft salmon pink shaded rose. 20 inches.

Farncombe Sanders—Brilliant orange, scarlet, extra fine. 26 inches.

Inglescombe—One of the best yellows.

Painted Lady—Creamy white. 26 inches.

Pride of Haarlem—Magnificent flower of immense size, coloring brilliant salmon rose shaded with scarlet, electric blue base. 26 inches.

Princess Elizabeth—Beautiful, vivid, rosy pink.

The Sultan—Glossy maroon black, may be called a form of the black tulip. 25 inches.

All of above Tulips, 50c per dozen; \$4.00 per 100.

Mixed—Special collection of all colors and shades. A beautiful mixture.

Mixed Tulips: 35c per dozen; \$2.50 per 100; \$22.50 per 1,000.

Breeder Tulips—Mixed, all colors.

Parrot Tulips—Choice mixed varieties. Breeder and Parrott Tulips: 50c dozen; \$4.00 per 100.

HYACINTHS—

L'Innocence—Pure white.

King of the Blues—Dark blue.

Queen of the Blues—Light blue.

Gigantea—Blush pink.

City of Haarlem—Pure yellow.

La Victoire—Bright Red.

All Hyacinths: \$1.50 per dozen; \$11.00 per 100.

CROCUS—

Mixture of all colors, 25c dozen; \$2.00 per 100.

NARCISSUS

Emperor—Rich yellow, large.

Empress—Perianth white, trumpet, yellow. Price, 15c each, \$1.50 doz.

CUT FLOWERS

These being a by-product with us we sell them at the nursery freshly cut at low prices. Also deliver them in Roanoke and Salem and ship to other points.

IRIS

You probably saw our field of magnificent Iris when in bloom recently. It was truly a wonderful sight and ran the whole range of Iris color, and of immense size and height. By planting now you can be assured of good bloom next season, but it can be planted any time up to November.

IRIS — Germanica — Caprice. Cerise.

Deeper falls. 24 in. Early.

Celeste—Azure blue. Deeper falls. 30 in. midseason.

Crimson King—Rich claret purple. 24 in.

Dr. Bernice—Coppery bronze, falls crimson. 24 in.

Eldorado—Standards bronze yellow. Falls bronze purple. 30 in.

Homorabilis—Golden yellow and crimson brown. 18 in.

Juniata—Large, clear blue; very tall.

Khediye—Soft lavender. 30 in.

Monsignor—S. violet; F. purple; crimson. Late. 2 ft.

Orientalis Blue—Deep blue. Late. 24 in.

Pallida speciosa—Large, purple. Tall.

Perfection—S. light blue; F. violet-black.

Queen of May—Lilac pink; large; midseason. 32 in.

Speciosa—Lavender purple and reddish purple.

All above, 15c each, \$1.50 per doz., \$10.00 per hundred.

IRIS KAEMPFERI—Japanese Iris No.

33—Dark blue. One of the best.

No. 66—White petals, veined blue.

No. 72—Deep blue.

No. 85—White, six large petals.

No. 90—Double reddish purple.

Mixed.

All above 25c each. \$2.00 per doz.

IRIS PUMILA (Coerulea)—Dark violet blue; dwarf; 4 in. Rockery and border. 25c each, \$2.00 per doz.

Mail all orders to Blue Ridge Gardens, Inc., Elliston, Va.

To those not on our mailing list a copy of the Blue Ridge Gardener will be sent regularly on request. Our next number will be issued August 1.

